3 pleasure to find ourselves quietly,
in company with all the quietness and
respectability.

Pray remember me very
affectionately to Mr Garrison, Mr Wadsworth
& all the friends generally. I search
my A. S. papers, when I am so happy as
to get them, most entirely, that I
may learn just how all the people
are employed in whom I take so great
an interest, not merely as a course of
the Cause, but that I may learn
something of their private health &
well being.

Give a great deal of love
on my part to both the Mrs Mays, &
my kindest remembrances to all your
family circle. I have thought of you
at Mrs White's with great pleasure.
Every one of our family love you in
turn & love to you & yours. I know how
busy you are & how usefully every
moment of your time is spent, but I
shall hope that you will be able
very soon after the arrival of this
to write a little line for your friends
greater moments to write me another
letter as long & good as your last.

Pray tell me something about your Dr
Jack

We were very sorry to see the notice of his death. I feel as if the dreadful event that occurred, — the death of the poor child, might have hastened his. I knew he was out of health.

We are delighted to see in the N. Y. Evening Post that Wendell is "supplying" Mr Parker's pulpit. Perhaps I shall return home a genuine Come-outer for I expect that it will be a great point gained for the world when honest men shall be found in all the pulpits without any body's consent or blessing.

April 30. Miss Potter was there last night in much better health than usual. We had a great deal of interesting talk about the American friends. She was calling when she & Mrs Potter first saw you. She has concluded to leave Rome next week, going to Florence with a Bristol friend of hers. She had received a letter of yours that had come by Bristol & was very sorry that, not having foreign letters in her mind, she had not directed that letter there as for her to be returned. She sends you very kind regards.

When you have time to write Maria & Bella will give you my address. At present I do not know how to direct it for you. Believe me dear Mr May, very affectionately yours

A. W. Weston

2 Mrs Jameson is a very agreeable lively old lady putting me extremely in mind of Mrs Jordan. I don't know whether you have ever heard any thing of Audrey de Vere or not. I had an Amen à mettre à the some very pretty sonnets by him & was glad to know him. How wonderful to see how he is carried away by Catholicism. He being a convert of seven years standing. What is not this. I might have made him an excellent Abolitionist, for he is full of feeling & enthusiasm & seems a person of high principle, but he is so fanatical a Roman Catholic that I am quite aware that his present good will to the Cause arises from his imperfect knowledge of it. As it is I hope to get some poetry for the Liberty Bell. A person who makes well being of any class his first object cannot help us much. But I must not talk more of outsiders, but of the friends in whom we will take a deeper interest. Mr & Mrs Webb & Miss Estlin. Mr Webb arrives in Rome the 26th of March to join Miss Estlin & Mrs Ashurst who left the latter my brother & his wife some days before for Naples to be absent about a fortnight. This left them opportunity to be with us. So we were so fortunate as to be able to ask Mr. & Mrs. Webb to take up their abode with us. How much we enjoyed his visit I cannot tell. We all worked his visit could have been longer. He is a most delightful person so simple & genial & true, at the same time so really able, kind & good & judge

of Mrs. & the girls. I met him with the same ease & freedom that I should have done an old friend, & Lucia who had never met him before was equally delighted. He was so charmed with Rome that it was a great pleasure to go about with him. He left me this morning & his wife a little note from Genoa which we read together on the Peters with much interest. He went to Naples and from there to Florence. Miss Eaton came to Rome a week or two before. She will leave next week, but tho she has been here so long, I do not feel as intimate acquainted with her as with him. She has been in the most wretched health ever since her arrival. In addition to the fever I was in great anxiety about her fearing lest there should be some disastrous determination of blood to the head. She was obliged to keep her bed a great part of the time, & could only exist by sitting with all the windows open and all the fire in the room extinguished. Now she is rather better but still we are hardly able to find the time when she is able to talk over the many matters that interest us. She was so kind as to copy some portion of her father's journal with her, the reading of which has interested us greatly. I was very sorry as was we all that "we have not room to receive her into our house but her friend Miss Thomas, sister of Mr Herbert Thomas, & her maid accompanied her, & tho' our present abode has the dignity of a parlour, I am sorry to say we are not in possession of the place that New England calls "the spare chamber." Still we love very

are tolerably near & we shall be able to see as much of Rome as the generality of tourists. You will understand this state better when I tell you we have dined at all. All merely that it hurts her to see them but he says it is so offensive it does not remain. — The Eddys must have been here all winter but we have not seen much of them. We dined with them on Monday last & I had a great deal of talk with Mrs Jenkins about yourself & all your family. She is a very wonderful person for a woman of her age. She is going to Naples. What shall I say to you about the state of the house. I feel a little behind the times, because I have not been the Liberator & Strawbands as regularly as I should have done. Elizabeth Lange & Lepo were at the time waiting for a private opportunity as we have had some difficulty about the Post office here. Miss Eaton brought them & accidentally lost the bag & it went on to Naples & there was no delay, & now for my life do not you permit me to cease in the evening, I have hardly been able to read up thoroughly & the very latest papers are to be obtained in Paris. Looking at matters upon this side I feel very hopeless. Perhaps the very worst solution of things immediately around me the opposition the superstition the ignorance and decision of the masses & the people

every where, as far as I see, tend to
disheartening reflections, for I really feel
less encouraged about Abolition there
when at home. It may be because I
am sitting still. People find their best
encouragement in feeling that they
themselves are hard at work. We
are just beginning the purchase of a
Roman bath, but amid the great cares
of beautiful & costly things it is difficult
to make a little money go a great deal,
which is the principle on which we talk
as you well know, to proceed.

It amuses me a little, gave us in the
greatest the extreme hope fulness of all
the Republicans I meet. They were never
more encouraged & things never
looked brighter. They are formed to do
noble themselves on the right track
toward principle, as the wise they must
feel the necessity of changing their
method & perfect themselves. Dis unionists
before they knew it.

I had immense satisfaction
the other day in sending in a sharp copy
of the Declaration of Independence of the
Anti-Slavery Committee. Wallis sent it to me
& it came while R. D. W. was here.
Pray give me very friendly regards to
Mr Whipple when you see him, & tell him
we all, the Weld invalides, held a jubilee
Jubilee over the affair. It was a great

Palazzo Albani Rome
April 29th 1857

My Dear Friends

Since I received your very interesting letter of Nov 2d I have thought many many times of writing to you, but I have suffered the choicest interests of my present ennobled life to pass at this time when I have advantage of a tranquil rain storm (not that a tempestuous rain storm is not I can say to you a very common occurrence) to give you a detail of that very few personal information about me & mine which I feel to be a proof to you of my constant friendship, from its very nature, interesting and first of all important, that is health. As spring comes on, albeit a very tardy & ungenial one, our best enemy to make, Italian skies & bye & bye & Roman gales ridiculous, the poor invalid gently. Even through this very severe winter we have been able to perceive some improvement from last year but her lungs are very delicate altogether possible bear any sharp cold & winter. I do is very pain ful to me to thank him definite and uncertain any plan for her return to America must be. I think she will

spend the summer somewhere here in Northern Italy, both because Switzerland is a little too cold and because as she must spend next winter here we do not wish her to have so long a journey to take as hers of last autumn in which it was made a little too late. To be out of doors most of the time, as the Drs prescribe renders a warmer climate than that of Switzerland necessary. In very best summer we were hardly able to sit out of doors more than several days. What our own plans will be I hardly know, they adapt themselves so much with my brothers. If he return to America this summer very probably I should return with him, tho' as he says not I have great enjoyment in my life here, but yet my family at home, & the interests & remembrances of the home make me often cast lingering glances homeward. It is one very great pleasure and advantage of a European residence that it prepares one to return to American life with it's very different modes of being & habits of thought with a fresh & genuine zest. We are as you know a people of extremes but it is a great comfort when our own shortcomings are such that we wish we were not as yet been able to form steel into such impenetrable and unalterable institutions, slavery alone excepted, as exist here.

Of the pictures & statues of Rome of course one can never tire and it is true that the constant study of them enables even any one as unlearned and unartistic as myself to derive from them continual more & more pleasure. Port to see a

word that the best of family have taken the liberty to divert from its proper meaning. I am not by nature "artful" & the great enjoyment that I have in Roman life, entirely apart from the society of my family must please its solution I think in the beauties of Nature, not only great but very peculiar unlike any thing I have seen elsewhere, & in the wonderful suggestive character of every thing that surrounds me. Ancient Roman and Modern institutions are constantly calling upon me to reconcile all these to previous habits of thought & much of what he had previously taken for granted. Then again, life is very easy here. I cannot exactly perhaps make you understand me. But I dine with Mrs Wormeley & Miss Phillips or any body who likes here in the world. A stranger, a foreigner here seems to have an entire freedom to construct the machinery of his every day life as he pleases to make it just as simple or as complex as may suit him. To be "a law to myself" is a great comfort. I have seen two a good deal of pleasant society. Mrs Howe & Mrs Perkins Mrs Gaskell & the Greenfields. Mrs James. Mr Aubrey &c here and some others whose names would convey nothing to you if I gave them. Shall I enjoy a great meeting Mrs Howe you may tell Believe. Miss Cushman Mrs Perkins two very agreeable more so than Mrs Howe even in some respects. Mrs F. Minot here but not

time to see Rome fairly. She likes it very much, but she was too tired & too ha[rd]
up to do herself full justice & seems as
she should have seen. However great her
intellectual gifts she is a "rose" & does n[ot]
an "oak" & when that oak comes to be
poor Dr Robinson of Nottingham a mas[s]
in very delicate health & spirits in a
foreign tongue, no wonder the sap[s] her
sitting on the trunk at midnight in
pouring rain in the streets of Rome, and
ex ure dice ones. No wonder she longed
for Dr Howe & the Hills of Zion. The Ste[w]
people paid her no special attention. Ou[r]
one or two of them went to see her. I the[n]
tho I am not sure, that there might be
a little prejudice against her on the
ground of her father & brothers labours a[s]
Popery. She seemed in excellent willin[g]
ness to the cause & by the cause I m[ean]
the American Society.

Mrs Gaskell I liked very much
tho I saw her under unfavourable circum
stances, that is most generally with a
room full of other people. She has a
charming manner, that I think of her &
judge her as a woman & a lady &
not as an author. I always endeavour
to distinguish people the justice of thus
of them as men and women pursuing
as poets or novel writers, or orators, or singe
or artistes & when they will allow me to
so making their peculiar gifts subservient to
then the appear to me in their natur
and attractive colours. Judged in this
way Mrs Gaskell shines very brightly